

REMARKS

Prior to continued examination, please enter the amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the amendments made in the Response to Final Office Action dated August 23, 2007

Claims 1, 4-12, and 14-20 and 22-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-20 and 22-25 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1, 6-7, 15, 18 and 22 have been amended. New claim 25 corresponds to the previously cancelled claim 2. Applicant submits that the amendments and new claims do not introduce new matter.

Applicant submits that none of the prior art of record discloses the new claim language of independent claims 1, 7, 15 and 18.

Therefore, the claims are believed to be allowable, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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